

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09955.0047-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Frédéric FORTIN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3775  
Application No.: 10/505,469 ) Examiner: Woodall, Nicholas W.  
Filed: August 20, 2004 )  
For: FLEXIBLE VERTEBRAL LINKING ) Confirmation No.: 4004  
DEVICE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant petitions for a one month extension of time to file a reply to the Office Action of October 7, 2008. A fee of \$65.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached reply and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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